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REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF WORLAND November 21, 2023

A regular meeting of the City Council of Worland, Wyoming met in the Council Chambers at Worland City Hall at 7:00 p.m. on November 21, 2023. Mayor Jim Gill presided and the Councilmembers in attendance were Kreg Lombard, Barbara Brookwell, William Worley, Wendy Fredricks, Pete Calderon, Rebecca George and Mike Neuffer. Also present were Director of Public Works, Nick Kruger; Airport Manager, Lynn Murdoch; City Engineer Representative, Mike Donnell and Clerk/Treasurer, Tracy Glanz. Councilmembers Kody DeMunbrun and Adam Martinez were absent and excused.

There were five (5) visitors present for this meeting of the City Council.

Councilmember Wendy Fredricks led the Council and Visitors in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Gill declared a quorum present, with Councilmembers DeMunbrun and Martinez excused and asked for approval of the agenda.

Motion: to approve the agenda.
By: Councilmember Fredricks.
Second by: Councilmember Worley.
Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

The minutes of the November 7, 2023 regular meeting stand approved as published.

Motion: to approve all vouchers and authorize payment for payroll, utility charges, refunds for City Services, recording fees, postage and other miscellaneous items, during the month of November, before normal City Council approval on the first Tuesday of December and approve the Consent Agenda with Council Work Session Minutes of November 13, 2023, BAPC Minutes for November 13, 2023 and Payroll Voucher for the period November 17, 2023. PAYROLL 11/17/23 - \$73,021.44.
By: Councilmember George.
Second by: Councilmember Fredricks.
Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Kara Anderson with Goose's requested approval to close South 8th Street from the alley to Big Horn Avenue for the Parade of Lights on December 2, 2023. Goose's will have fire pits on the street and a taco food truck. The street closure is requested from 4PM to the end of the parade.

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Motion: to approve the street closure on South 8th Street from the alley to Big Horn Avenue on December 2, 2023 from 4PM until the end of the parade.

By: Councilmember Neuffer.
Second by: Councilmember George.
Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Shane Wood, representing a group of Pickleball players presented background information on how the game is played and how much interest in it has grown. It is an open play format, which means anyone can play whether they are new to the sport or not. Statistics show that there are 36.5 million players in the United States, and it is the fastest growing sport in America for the third year running. With continued growth of the game, there will not be enough courts to satisfy the number of people that are playing locally. Mr. Wood requested that the city support the group's efforts to repurpose or use areas that the city may own for pickleball courts. The old tennis courts at Newell Sargent Park could be repurposed and used to provide six (6) courts for play. Mr. Wood stated that the group is aware that money is tight, but maybe the city could pour a couple of concrete pads, the group could paint the lines and then the rubberized coating could be put on the courts the following year. Discussion followed with Director of Public Works Nick Kruger stating that the cost to build these courts would be 50% to 60% of the city's total budget for park maintenance and encouraged the group to find funding through fundraising to be used as a local match for possible grant funding. Mayor Gill stated that the Council would discuss the proposal further at a Council Work Session. The Mayor and Council thanked Shane Wood, Robert Uffelman and Brad Averett for bringing this to the Council.

Clerk/Treasurer Tracy Glanz presented Ordinance #871 for third and final reading:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WORLAND, WASHAKIE COUNTY, WYOMING, AMENDING SECTION 7A-24 (F) (2-3) OF THE WORLAND CITY CODE BY OPENING BLOCKS 81 THROUGH 84 OF THE RIVERVIEW MEMORIAL GARDENS FOR PURCHASE BY THE PUBLIC, WITH CERTAIN RESTRICTIONS. THIS ORDINANCE FURTHER ESTABLISHES THE REQUIREMENT OF FULL PAYMENT FOR PURCHASED AND RESERVED GRAVES. ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH ARE HEREBY REPEALED.

Motion: to approve Ordinance #871 on third and final reading.
By: Councilmember Neuffer.
Second by: Councilmember Fredricks.

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Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Clerk/Treasurer Glanz asked the Council if they had reviewed the CGI videos; a minor change is needed to one of the pictures that represents the Big Horn River, everything else looks good.

Airport Manager Lynn Murdoch informed the Council that she is currently working on an inventory of all aircraft that are based out of the Worland Airport; this affects our federal funding.

Director of Public Works Kruger reported that a severe snowstorm is expected to hit Worland over the Thanksgiving holiday and asked that the public be patient as personnel work to clear the roads. Several employees are scheduled to work over the holiday and the snow will be wind rowed and picked up later. The public is asked not to move snow into the street or pile it in the street and reminded to remove vehicles off the street if possible so that the city crew can remove the snow as soon as possible.

City Engineer Representative Mike Donnell stated that the survey on the Country Club is complete, and the legal description has been forwarded to the Country Club. A boundary adjustment will be done to complete the process. Once the adjustment is made, the Country Club will have 0.86 acres. The Urban Systems Committee met today and agreed to move forward with the Request For Proposal (RFP) process for a design engineer on the rehabilitation of Washakie Avenue from 8th to 15th Street. The County and City will split the cost on the design to prevent using Urban Systems Funds until construction. The construction costs are estimated at 1.9 million using today's costs. The RFP will follow WYDOT standards as the County and City will need to meet all federal requirements to use Urban Systems funds for construction.

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Gill asked for a motion to adjourn.

Motion: to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 p.m.
By: Councilmember Brookwell.
Second by: Councilmember Lombard.
Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

James R. Gill, Mayor

ATTEST:
Tracy A. Glanz, Clerk/Treasurer

November 30, 2023